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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Akihiro KASAHARA, et al.

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SERIAL NO:NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

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FOR: ELECTROSTATIC ACTUATOR AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/818,840, filed March 28, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	MONTH/DAY/YEAR
Japan	2000-094569	March 30, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

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were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/818,840 filed March 28, 2001.

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

(B) Application Serial No.(s)

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